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Docket No. 1083.1048/418

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hasebe et al

Group Art Unit: 2764

Serial No.: 09/000,924

Examiner: NGUYEN, C

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For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA WORKING DEVICE



**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING  
APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


The Examiner's approval of the drawing corrections indicated in red ink on the attached sheet of drawing (Fig 9, inserting reference numeral --7-- for the storage medium illustration) is respectfully requested. Support for the amendment to Fig. 9 is found on page 19, line 1 through page 23, line 22, and specifically on page 19, lines 14-20 and page 21, lines 15-16.

Upon receipt of approval of the drawing corrections and a formal Notice of Allowance, a patent draftsman will make the appropriate corrections and corrected formal drawings will be filed.

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